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**C      Sector C - Storm Water Discharges Associated With Industrial Activity From Chemical and Allied Products Manufacturing Facilities**

**1.   Discharges Covered Under This Section**

The requirements listed under this section shall apply to storm water discharges associated with industrial activity from a facility engaged in manufacturing the following products and generally described by the SIC codes shown below:

<b>SIC Code</b>	<b>Sector C: Chemical and Allied Products Manufacturing Facilities</b>	<b>Sampling Required?</b>	<b>Table Number</b>
2812	Alkalies and Chlorine	Yes	C-3
2813	Industrial Gases	Yes	C-3
2816	Inorganic Pigments	Yes	C-3
2819	Industrial Inorganic Chemicals, NEC	Yes	C-3
2821	Plastics Material Synthetic Resins, and Nonvulcanizable Elastomers	Yes	C-5
2822	Synthetic Rubber	Yes	C-5
2823	Cellulosic Manmade Fibers	Yes	C-5
2824	Manmade Organic Fibers, Except Cellulosic	Yes	C-5
2841	Soaps and Other Detergents, Except Specialty Cleaners	Yes	C-4
2842	Specialty Cleaning, Polishing, and Sanitary Preparations	Yes	C-4
2843	Surface Active Agents, Finishing Agents, Sulfonated Oils, and Assistants	Yes	C-4
2844	Perfumes, Cosmetics, and Other Toilet Preparations	Yes	C-4
2851	Paints, Varnishes, Lacquers, Enamels, and Allied Products	No	--
2861	Gum and Wood Chemicals	No	--
2865	Cyclic Organic Crudes and Intermediates, and Organic Dyes and Pigments	No	--
2869	Industrial Organic Chemicals, NEC	No	--
2873	Nitrogenous Fertilizers	Yes	C-2
2874	Phosphatic Fertilizers	Yes	C-2
2875	Fertilizers, Mixing Only	Yes	C-2
2879	Pesticides and Agricultural Chemicals, NEC	Yes	C-2
2891	Adhesives and Sealants	No	--
2892	Explosives	No	--
2893	Printing Ink	No	--
2895	Carbon Black	No	--
2899	Chemicals and Chemical Preparations, NEC	No	--

**Co-located Industrial Activities.** When an industrial facility, described by the above coverage provisions of this section, has industrial activities being conducted onsite that meet the description(s) of industrial activities in another section(s), that industrial facility shall comply with any and all applicable monitoring and pollution prevention plan requirements of the other section(s) in addition to all applicable requirements in this section. The monitoring and pollution prevention plan terms and conditions of this multi-sector permit are additive for industrial activities being conducted at the same industrial facility (co-located industrial activities). The operator of the facility shall determine which other monitoring and pollution prevention plan section(s) of this permit (if any) are applicable to the facility.

Limitations on Coverage. The following storm water discharges associated with industrial activity are not authorized by this section of the permit:

- Storm water discharges from drug manufacturing facilities and other establishments classified as SIC Code 283.

## 2. Special Conditions

Prohibition of Non-storm Water Discharges. Except for those allowable non-storm water discharges included in Part IIIA2 (Allowable Non-Storm Water Discharges) of this permit, there are no other non-storm water discharges authorized in this Sector.

## 3. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan Requirements

Contents of Plan. The plan shall include, at a minimum, the following items:

Pollution Prevention Team. Each plan shall identify a specific individual or individuals within the facility organization as members of a storm water Pollution Prevention Team. The team will be responsible for developing the storm water pollution prevention plan and assisting the facility or plant manager in its implementation, maintenance, and revision. The plan shall clearly identify the responsibilities of each team member. The activities and responsibilities of the team shall address all aspects of the facility's plan.

Description of Potential Pollutant Sources. Each plan shall provide a description of potential sources of pollutants to storm water discharges and sources of discharges of pollutants during dry weather. Each plan shall identify all activities and materials that may be pollutant sources. Each plan shall include, at a minimum:

Drainage and Site Plan—A site map shall be developed for the facility. This map shall include, at a minimum: the location of all structures (manufacturing buildings, garages, etc.), impervious areas, the location of each storm water outfall and/or connection to municipal storm sewer; types of discharges included in each discharge; an outline of the portions of the drainage area of each outfall within the facility boundaries and a prediction of the direction of flow in each area; each existing structural control measure to reduce pollutants in storm water runoff; surface water bodies; locations where materials are exposed to precipitation; and locations where major spills or leaks identified under Part XI.C.4.a.(2)(c) (below) of this permit have occurred. The map shall also indicate the locations of the following outdoor activities: fueling stations; vehicle and equipment maintenance and/or cleaning areas; loading/unloading areas; locations used for the treatment, storage or disposal of wastes; storage tanks and other containers; processing and storage areas; access roads, rail cars and tracks; the location of transfer of substances in bulk; and machinery.

Inventory of Exposed Materials and Management Practices—An inventory of the types of materials handled at the site that may be exposed to precipitation shall be collected. Such inventory shall include: a narrative description of materials that have been handled, treated, stored or disposed in a manner to allow exposure to storm water between the time of 3 years prior to the date of the submission of a Notice of Intent (NOI) to be covered under this permit and the present; method and location of onsite storage or disposal; materials management practices employed to minimize contact of materials with storm water runoff between the time of 3 years prior to the date of the submission of a Notice of Intent

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(NOI) to be covered under this permit and the present; the location and a description of existing structural and nonstructural control measures to reduce pollutants in storm water runoff; and a description of any treatment the storm water receives.

**Spills and Leaks**—A list of significant spills and leaks of material that occurred at areas that are exposed to precipitation or that otherwise drain to a storm water conveyance after the date of 3 years prior to the date of submission of a Notice of Intent (NOI) to be covered under this permit. The list shall be updated as appropriate to include any significant spills and leaks during the term of the permit.

**Sampling Data**—A summary of existing storm water sampling data describing pollutants discharged from the facility, including a summary of sampling data collected during the term of this permit. In addition, the report of monitoring data that is submitted to the Division of Water Pollution Control pursuant to Part VI. of this permit shall be maintained with the pollution prevention plan.

**Risk Identification and Summary of Potential Pollutant Sources**

A narrative description of the potential pollutant sources from the following: loading, unloading, and transfer of chemicals; outdoor storage of salt, pallets, coal, drums, containers, fuels, or other materials; outdoor manufacturing or processing activities; significant dust or particulate generating processes; fueling stations; vehicle and equipment maintenance and/or cleaning areas; locations used for the treatment, storage or disposal (on or off site) of wastes and wastewaters; storage tanks and other containers; processing and storage areas; access roads, rail cars and tracks; the location of transfer of substances in bulk; and machinery.

The description shall specifically list any significant potential source of pollutants at the site and for each potential source, any pollutant or pollutant parameter (e.g., chemical oxygen demand, etc.) of concern shall be identified.

Factors to consider include: quantity of chemicals used, produced or discharged; the likelihood of contact with storm water; and history of significant leaks or spills. In addition, flows with a significant potential for causing erosion shall be identified.

**Measures and Controls.** Each facility covered by this permit shall develop a description of storm water management controls appropriate for the facility, and implement such controls. The appropriateness and priorities of controls in a plan shall reflect identified potential sources of pollutants at the facility. The description of storm water management controls shall address the following minimum components, including a reasonable schedule for implementing such controls:

**Nonstructural Controls**

**Good Housekeeping**—Good housekeeping requires that areas that may contribute pollutants to storm water discharges are maintained in a clean, orderly manner. At a minimum, the permittee shall:

Schedule regular pickup and disposal of garbage and waste materials, or use other appropriate measures to reduce the potential for the discharge of storm water that has come into contact with garbage or waste materials. This schedule shall be included in the plan. Individuals responsible for waste management and disposal shall be informed of the procedures established under the plan.

Routinely inspect for leaks and the condition of drums, tanks and containers. Ensure that spill cleanup procedures are understood by employees.

Keep an up-to-date inventory of all materials present at the facility. While preparing the inventory, all containers should be clearly labeled. Hazardous containers that requires special handling, storage, use and disposal shall be clearly marked.

Maintain clean ground surfaces.

**Preventive Maintenance**—A preventive maintenance program shall be developed and shall involve timely inspection and maintenance of storm water management devices (e.g., oil/water separators, catch basins, dikes, storm sewer, basins, pipes). Also, preventive maintenance includes inspecting and testing facility equipment and systems to uncover conditions that could cause breakdowns or failures, and ensuring appropriate maintenance of such equipment and systems.

**Spill Prevention and Response Procedures**—Spill prevention and response procedures shall be developed. Areas where potential spills (that can contribute pollutants to storm water discharges) can occur and their accompanying drainage points shall be identified clearly in the storm water pollution prevention plan. Where appropriate, specifying material handling procedures, storage requirements, and use of equipment such as diversion valves in the plan should be considered. Procedures for cleaning up spills shall be identified in the plan and made available to the appropriate personnel. The necessary equipment to implement a clean up (e.g., absorbent materials) should be available to personnel.

**Inspections**—Qualified personnel shall conduct quarterly inspections. A wet weather inspection (during a rainfall event) shall be conducted in the second (April to June) and third quarters (July to September) of each year. A dry weather inspection (no precipitation) shall be conducted in the first (January to March) and fourth quarters (October to December). Such inspections shall be documented and this documentation shall be retained as part of the pollution prevention plan. Changes based on the results of the quarterly inspections shall be made in a timely manner.

When a seasonal dry period is sustained for more than 3 months, a dry weather inspection will satisfy the wet weather inspection requirement.

All areas exposed to precipitation at the facilities shall be visually inspected for evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants entering the drainage system. Measures to reduce pollutant loadings shall be evaluated to determine whether they are adequate and properly implemented or whether additional control measures are needed. Structural storm water management measures (diking, berming, curbing, sediment and erosion control measures, stabilization controls, etc.) required under this section shall be observed to ensure that they are operating correctly. A visual inspection of equipment needed to implement the plan, such as spill response equipment, shall be made.

**Employee Training**—Employee training programs shall inform personnel responsible for implementing activities identified in the storm water pollution prevention plan or otherwise responsible for storm water management at all levels of responsibility of the components and goals of the storm water pollution prevention plan. Training should address topics such as spill response, good housekeeping, material management practices and procedures for equipment and container cleaning and washing. The pollution prevention plan shall identify periodic dates for such training of at least once per year.

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**Recordkeeping and Internal Reporting Procedures**—A description of incidents (such as spills, or other discharges), along with other information describing the quality and quantity of storm water discharges shall be included in the plan required under this part. Inspections and maintenance activities shall be documented and records of such activities shall be incorporated into the plan.

**Facility Security**—Facilities shall have the necessary security systems to prevent accidental or intentional entry that could cause a discharge. Security systems described in the plan shall address fencing, lighting, vehicular traffic control, and securing of equipment and buildings.

**Structural Practices**—The potential of various sources at the facility to contribute pollutants to storm water discharges associated with industrial activity [see Part XI.C.4.a.(2) (Description of Potential Pollutant Sources) of this permit] shall be considered when determining reasonable and appropriate structural measures. The plan shall provide that measures that the permittee determines to be reasonable and appropriate shall be implemented and maintained.

**Practices for Material Handling and Storage Areas**—Permittees shall ensure the implementation of practices that conform with the following:

In areas where liquid or powdered materials are stored, facilities shall provide either diking, curbing, berms, or other appropriate measures to reduce the potential of discharge of liquid or powdered materials in storm water.

In all other outside storage areas including storage of used containers, machinery, scrap and construction materials, and pallets, facilities shall prevent or minimize storm water runoff to the storage area by using curbing, culverting, gutters, sewers or other forms of drainage control.

In all storage areas, roofs, covers or other forms of appropriate protection shall be used to prevent storage areas from exposure to storm water and wind. For the purpose of this paragraph, tanks would be considered to be appropriate protection.

In areas where liquid or powdered materials are transferred in bulk from truck or rail cars, permittees shall provide appropriate measures to minimize contact of material with precipitation. Permittees shall consider providing for hose connection points at storage containers to be inside containment areas, and drip pans to be used in areas that are not in a containment area, where spillage may occur (e.g., hose reels, connection points with rail cars or trucks) or equivalent measures.

In areas of transfer of contained or packaged materials and loading/unloading areas, permittee shall consider providing appropriate protection such as overhangs or door skirts to enclose trailer ends at truck loading/unloading docks or an equivalent.

Drainage from areas covered by paragraph XI.C.4.a.(3)(b)(i) of this section should be restrained by valves or other positive means to prevent the discharge of a spill or leak. Containment units may be emptied by pumps or ejectors; however, these shall be manually activated.

Flapper-type drain valves shall not be used to drain containment areas. Valves used for the drainage of containment areas should, as far as is practical, be of manual, open-or-closed design.

If facility drainage is not engineered as above, the final discharge point of all in-facility sewers should be equipped to prevent or divert the discharge, in the event of an uncontrolled spill of materials, return the spilled material to the facility.

**Management of Runoff**—The plan shall contain a description of storm water management practices used and/or to be used to divert, infiltrate, reuse, or otherwise manage storm water runoff in a manner that reduces pollutants in storm water discharges from the site. Appropriate measures may include: vegetative swales, ripraps, reuse of collected storm water (such as for a process or as an irrigation source), inlet controls (such as oil/water separators), snow management activities, infiltration devices, use of porous pavements, and wet detention/retention devices.

**Sediment and Erosion Control**—The plan shall identify areas that, due to topography, activities, or other factors, have a potential for significant soil erosion. Plans shall describe permanent stabilization practices and shall ensure that disturbed portions of the site are stabilized. Stabilization practices may include: permanent seeding, mulching, geotextiles, sod stabilization, vegetative buffer strips, protection of trees, preservation of mature vegetation, and other appropriate measures.

#### Non-storm Water Discharges

The plan shall include a certification that the discharge has been tested or evaluated for the presence of non-storm water discharges. The certification shall include the identification of potential significant sources of non-storm water at the site, a description of the results of any test and/or evaluation for the presence of non-storm water discharges, the evaluation criteria or testing method used, the date of any testing and/or evaluation, and the onsite drainage points that were directly observed during the test. Certifications shall be signed in accordance with Part VII.G. of this permit. Such certification may not be feasible if the facility operating the storm water discharge associated with industrial activity does not have access to an outfall, manhole, or other point of access to the ultimate conduit that receives the discharge. In such cases, the source identification section of the storm water pollution prevention plan shall indicate why the certification required by this part was not feasible, along with the identification of potential significant sources of non-storm water at the site. A discharger that is unable to provide the certification required by this paragraph must notify the Division of Water Pollution Control in accordance with paragraph “Failure to Certify” (below).

Sources of non-storm water that are combined with storm water discharges associated with industrial activity must be identified in the plan. The plan shall identify and ensure the implementation of appropriate pollution prevention measures for the non-storm water component(s) of the discharge. Any non-storm water discharges that are not permitted under an individual NPDES permit should be brought to the attention of the Division’s local Environmental Assistance Center (see list of EACs on page 15).

**Failure to Certify**—Any facility that is unable to provide the certification required (testing for non-storm water discharges), must notify the Division of Water Pollution Control by not later than 180 days after submitting an NOI to be covered by this permit. If the failure to certify is caused by the inability to perform adequate tests or evaluations, such notification shall describe: the procedure of any test conducted for the presence of non-storm water discharges; the results of such test or other relevant observations; potential sources of non-storm water discharges to the storm sewer; and why adequate tests for such storm sewers were not feasible. Non-storm water discharges to waters of the State that are not authorized by an NPDES permit are unlawful, and must be terminated.

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**Comprehensive Site Compliance Evaluation.** A member(s) of the pollution prevention team or a qualified professional designated by the team shall conduct, at a minimum, annual site compliance evaluations.

Areas contributing to a storm water discharge associated with industrial activity such as material storage and handling, loading and unloading, process activities, and plant yards shall be visually inspected for evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants entering the drainage system. Measures to reduce pollutant loadings shall be evaluated to determine whether they are adequate and properly implemented in accordance with the terms of the permit or whether additional control measures are needed. Structural storm water management measures, sediment and erosion control measures, other structural pollution prevention measures identified in the plan, as well as process related pollution control equipment shall be observed or tested to ensure that they are operating correctly. A visual inspection of equipment needed to implement the plan, such as spill response equipment, shall be made.

Based on the results of the evaluation, the description of potential pollutant sources (see Part XI.C.4.a.(2)) and pollution prevention measures and controls (see Part XI.C.4.a.(3)) identified in the plan shall be revised as appropriate within 2 weeks of such evaluation. In addition, it shall provide for implementation of any changes to the plan in a timely manner, but in no case more than 12 weeks after the evaluation.

A report summarizing the scope of the evaluation, personnel making the evaluation, the date(s) of the evaluation, observations relating to the implementation of the plan, and actions taken in accordance with paragraph XI.C.4.a.(4)(b) (above) shall be made and retained as part of the plan for at least 3 years after the date of the evaluation. The report shall also identify any incidents of noncompliance. Where a report does not identify any incidents of noncompliance, the report shall contain a certification that the facility is in compliance with the plan and this permit. The report shall be signed in accordance with Part VII.G. (Signatory Requirements) of this permit.

#### 4. Numeric Effluent Limitations

In addition to the numeric effluent limitations described by Part V.B. of this permit, the following effluent limitations shall be met by existing and new discharges with:

**Phosphate Fertilizer Manufacturing Runoff.** The provisions of this paragraph are applicable to storm water discharges from the Phosphate Subcategory of the Fertilizer Manufacturing Point Source Category (40 CFR 418.10). The term contaminated storm water runoff shall mean precipitation runoff, that during manufacturing or processing, comes into contact with any raw materials, intermediate product, finished product, by-products or waste product (40 CFR 418.11(c)). The concentration of pollutants in storm water discharges shall not exceed the effluent limitations in Table C-1.

**Table C-1. Numeric Effluent Limitations for the Phosphate Subcategory of the Fertilizer Mfg. Point Source Category**

Effluent Characteristics	Effluent Limitations (mg/L)	
	Maximum for any 1 day	Average of daily values for 30 consecutive days shall not exceed
Total Phosphorus (as P)	105.0	35.0
Fluoride	75.0	25.0

## 5. Monitoring and Reporting Requirements

### a) Analytical Monitoring Requirements

During the term of this permit, permittees covered under this sector must monitor their storm water discharges associated with industrial activity at least once per calendar year (annually), except as provided in paragraphs 5.a.(3) (Sampling Waiver), 5.a.(4) (Representative Discharge), and 5.a.(5) (Alternative Certification). For SIC-specific breakdown of monitoring requirements and applicable Monitoring Requirements (listed below), see Table in Part 1 of this industrial sector (1. Discharges Covered Under This Section). Facilities must report in accordance with 6.b. (Reporting). In addition to the parameters listed in Tables C-2, C-3, C-4, and C-5 below, the permittee shall maintain a record of the date and duration (in hours) of the storm event(s) sampled; rainfall measurements or estimates (in inches) of the storm event that generated the sampled runoff; the duration between the storm event sampled and the end of the previous measurable (greater than 0.1 inch rainfall) storm event; and an estimate of the total volume (in gallons) of the discharge sampled.

**Table C-2. Agricultural Chemicals Monitoring Requirements**

Pollutants of Concern	Cut-Off Concentration	Sector Median Value * [mg/L]
Nitrate plus Nitrite Nitrogen	0.68 mg/L	0.46
Total Recoverable Lead	0.156 mg/L	0.050
Total Recoverable Iron	5.0 mg/L	0.754
Total Recoverable Zinc	0.395 mg/L	0.160
Phosphorus	2.0 mg/L	1.4

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**Table C-3. Industrial Inorganic Chemicals Monitoring Requirements**

<b>Pollutants of Concern</b>	<b>Cut-Off Concentration</b>	<b>Sector Median Value * [mg/L]</b>
Total Recoverable Aluminum	0.75 mg/L	0.73
Total Recoverable Copper	0.0636 mg/L	0.35
Total Recoverable Magnesium	0.0636	3.63
Total Recoverable Iron	5.0 mg/L	0.754
Nitrate plus Nitrite Nitrogen	0.68 mg/L	0.46

**Table C-4. Soaps, Detergents, Cosmetics, and Perfumes Monitoring Requirements**

<b>Pollutants of Concern</b>	<b>Cut-Off Concentration</b>	<b>Sector Median Value * [mg/L]</b>
Nitrate plus Nitrite Nitrogen	0.68 mg/L	0.46
Total Recoverable Zinc	0.395 mg/L	0.160

**Table C-5. Plastics, Synthetics, and Resins Monitoring Requirements**

<b>Pollutants of Concern</b>	<b>Cut-Off Concentration</b>	<b>Sector Median Value * [mg/L]</b>
Total Recoverable Zinc	0.395 mg/L	0.160

\* Sector Median Value is a pollutant concentration calculated from all sampling results provided from facilities classified in this sector during the previous permit term. By definition, a median is a statistical term identifying a number that divides numerically ordered data into two equal halves. In easier terms, the median is the middle piece of data when those data are placed in numerical order, or the average of the middle two if there is an even number of items. Therefore, median concentration(s) listed above represent a concentration value typical for and achieved by industries in this sector.

(1) **Monitoring Periods.** Agricultural chemical manufacturing facilities; industrial inorganic chemical facilities; soaps, detergents, cosmetics, and perfume manufacturing facilities; and plastics, synthetics, and resin manufacturing facilities shall monitor samples collected during any period of a calendar year, as long as the samples are representative of the quantity and quality of the storm water runoff being discharged from the facility.

(2) **Sample Type.** A minimum of one grab sample shall be taken. All such samples shall be collected from the discharge resulting from a storm event that is greater than 0.1 inches in magnitude and that occurs at least 72 hours from the previously measurable (greater than 0.1 inch rainfall) storm event. The required 72-hour storm event interval is waived where the preceding measurable storm event did not result in a measurable discharge from the facility. The required 72-hour storm event interval may also be waived where the permittee documents that less than a 72-hour interval is representative for local storm events during the season when sampling is being conducted. The grab sample shall be taken during the

first 30 minutes of the discharge. If the collection of a grab sample during the first 30 minutes is impracticable, a grab sample can be taken during the first hour of the discharge, and the discharger shall submit with the monitoring report a description of why a grab sample during the first 30 minutes was impracticable. If storm water discharges associated with industrial activity commingle with process or nonprocess water, then where practicable permittees must attempt to sample the storm water discharge before it mixes with the non-storm water discharge.

In addition, the permittee shall evaluate the results obtained from sampling and monitoring following the required annual sampling events to determine whether the facility is below, meets, or exceeds the monitoring cut-off concentrations as shown in the table above. If the results of annual storm water runoff monitoring demonstrate that the facility has exceeded the cut-off concentration(s), the permittee must inform the Division's local Environmental Assistance Center in writing within 30 days from the time storm water monitoring results were received, describing the likely cause of the exceedance(s). Furthermore, within 60 days from the time storm water monitoring results were received, the facility must review its storm water pollution prevention plan, make any modifications or additions to the plan which would assist in reducing effluent concentrations to less than the monitoring cut-off concentrations for that facility, and submit to the Division's local Environmental Assistance Center a brief summary of the proposed SWPPP modifications (including a timetable for implementation).

(3) Sampling Waiver

(a) Adverse Conditions—When a discharger is unable to collect samples within a specified sampling period due to adverse climatic conditions, the discharger shall collect a substitute sample from a separate qualifying event in the next period and submit the data along with data for the routine sample in that period. Adverse weather conditions that may prohibit the collection of samples include weather conditions that create dangerous conditions for personnel (such as local flooding, high winds, hurricanes, tornadoes, electrical storms, etc.) or otherwise make the collection of a sample impracticable (drought, extended frozen conditions, etc.).

(b) Low Concentration Waiver—When the average concentration for a pollutant calculated from monitoring data collected from first 4 calendar years of monitoring is less than the corresponding reporting value for that pollutant (Monitoring Cut-Off Concentration), a facility may waive monitoring and reporting requirements in the last annual monitoring period. The facility must submit to the Division of Water Pollution Control, in lieu of the monitoring data, a certification that there has not been a significant change in industrial activity or the pollution prevention measures in area of the facility that drains to the outfall for which sampling was waived.

(c) When a discharger is unable to conduct annual chemical storm water sampling at an inactive and unstaffed site, the operator of the facility may exercise a waiver of the monitoring requirements as long as the facility remains inactive and unstaffed. The facility must submit to the Division of Water Pollution Control, in lieu of monitoring data, a certification statement on the TMSP Storm Water Monitoring Report stating that the site is inactive and unstaffed so that collecting a sample during a qualifying event is not possible.

(4) Representative Discharge. When a facility has two or more outfalls that, based on a consideration of industrial activity, significant materials, and management practices and activities within the area drained by the outfall, the permittee reasonably believes discharge substantially identical effluents, the permittee may test the effluent of one of such outfalls and report that the quantitative data also applies to

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the substantially identical outfall(s) provided that the permittee includes in the storm water pollution prevention plan a description of the location of the outfalls and explains in detail why the outfalls are expected to discharge substantially identical effluents. In addition, for each outfall that the permittee believes is representative, an estimate of the size of the drainage area (in square feet) and an estimate of the runoff coefficient of the drainage area [e.g., low (under 40 percent), medium (40 to 65 percent), or high (above 65 percent)] shall be provided in the plan. The permittee shall include the description of the location of the outfalls, explanation of why outfalls are expected to discharge substantially identical effluents, and estimate of the size of the drainage area and runoff coefficient with the TMSP Storm Water Monitoring Report.

(5) **Alternative Certification.** A discharger is not subject to the monitoring requirements of this section provided the discharger makes a certification for a given outfall or on a pollutant-by-pollutant basis in lieu of monitoring reports required under paragraph (b) below, under penalty of law, signed in accordance with Part VII.G. (Signatory Requirements), that material handling equipment or activities, raw materials, intermediate products, final products, waste materials, by-products, industrial machinery or operations, or significant materials from past industrial activity that are located in areas of the facility within the drainage area of the outfall are not presently exposed to storm water and are not expected to be exposed to storm water for the certification period. Such certification must be retained in the storm water pollution prevention plan, and submitted to the Division of Water Pollution Control in accordance with Part VI.B. of this permit. In the case of certifying that a pollutant is not present, the permittee must submit the certification along with the monitoring reports required under paragraph b. below. If the permittee cannot certify for an entire period, they must submit the date exposure was eliminated and any monitoring required up until that date. This certification option is not applicable to compliance monitoring requirements associated with effluent limitations.

b) **Reporting**

Permittees with analytical monitoring requirements shall submit monitoring results for each outfall associated with industrial activity [or a certification in accordance with Sections (3), (4), or (5) above] obtained during the annual reporting period on TMSP Storm Water Monitoring Report Form(s) postmarked **no later than the March 31st of the following calendar year**. For each outfall, one signed TMSP Storm Water Monitoring Report form must be submitted to the Division of Water Pollution Control. Signed copies of TMSP Storm Water Monitoring Reports, or said certifications, shall be submitted to the following address:

**Enforcement and Compliance Section  
Tennessee Division of Water Pollution Control  
6th Floor L & C Annex  
401 Church Street  
Nashville, TN 37243-1534**

c) **Compliance Monitoring Requirements.** In addition to the monitoring required in paragraph 6a (above), permittees with contaminated storm water runoff from phosphate fertilizer manufacturing facilities must monitor their contaminated storm water discharges for the presence of phosphorus and fluoride at least annually (one time per year). Facilities must report in accordance with Part XI.C.6.c.(2) (Reporting). In addition to the parameters listed above, the permittee shall maintain a record of the date and duration (in hours) of the storm event(s) sampled; rainfall measurements or estimates (in inches) of the storm event that generated the sampled runoff; the duration between the storm event sampled and the

end of the previous measurable (greater than 0.1 inch rainfall) storm event; and an estimate of the total volume (in gallons) of the discharge sampled;

(1) **Sample Type.** A minimum of one grab sample shall be taken. All such samples shall be collected from the discharge resulting from a storm event that is greater than 0.1 inches in magnitude and that occurs at least 72 hours from the previously measurable (greater than 0.1 inch rainfall) storm event. The required 72-hour storm event interval is waived where the preceding measurable storm event did not result in a measurable discharge from the facility. The required 72-hour storm event interval may also be waived where the permittee documents that less than a 72-hour interval is representative for local storm events during the season when sampling is being conducted. The grab sample shall be taken during the first 30 minutes of the discharge. If the collection of a grab sample during the first 30 minutes is impracticable, a grab sample can be taken during the first hour of the discharge, and the discharger shall submit with the monitoring report a description of why a grab sample during the first 30 minutes was impracticable.

(2) **Reporting.** Permittees with phosphate fertilizer manufacturing facilities shall submit monitoring results obtained during the reporting period beginning [insert date of permit issuance] on TMSP Storm Water Monitoring Report Form(s) postmarked no later than the 31st day of the following [insert month after permit issuance date]. For each outfall, one signed TMSP Storm Water Monitoring Report form must be submitted to the Division of Water Pollution Control. Signed copies of TMSP Storm Water Monitoring Reports shall be submitted to the Enforcement and Compliance Section of the Division of Water Pollution Control located at 6th Floor L & C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37243-1534.

d) **Quarterly Visual Examination of Storm Water Quality.** Facilities shall perform and document a visual examination of a storm water discharge associated with industrial activity from each outfall, except discharges exempted below. The examination must be made at least once in each of the following periods: January through March; April through June; July through September; and October through December during daylight hours unless there is insufficient rainfall or snow melt to produce a runoff event.

(1) Examinations shall be made of samples collected within the first 30 minutes (or as soon thereafter as practical, but not to exceed 1 hour) of when the runoff or snowmelt begins discharging. The examinations shall document observations of color, odor, clarity, floating solids, settled solids, suspended solids, foam, oil sheen, and other obvious indicators of storm water pollution. The examination must be conducted in a well lit area. No analytical tests are required to be performed on the samples. All such samples shall be collected from the discharge resulting from a storm event that is greater than 0.1 inches in magnitude and that occurs at least 72 hours from the previously measurable (greater than 0.1 inch rainfall) storm event. Where practicable, the same individual should carry out the collection and examination of discharges for entire permit term.

(2) Visual examination reports must be maintained onsite in the pollution prevention plan or with other compliance records. The report shall include the examination date and time, examination personnel, the nature of the discharge (i.e., runoff or snow melt), visual quality of the storm water discharge (including observations of color, odor, clarity, floating solids, settled solids, suspended solids, foam, oil sheen, and other obvious indicators of storm water pollution), and probable sources of any observed storm water contamination.

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(3) When a facility has two or more outfalls that, based on a consideration of industrial activity, significant materials, and management practices and activities within the area drained by the outfall, the permittee reasonably believes discharge substantially identical effluents, the permittee may collect a sample of effluent of one of such outfalls and report that the examination data also applies to the substantially identical outfall(s) provided that the permittee includes in the storm water pollution prevention plan a description of the location of the outfalls and explains in detail why the outfalls are expected to discharge substantially identical effluents. In addition, for each outfall that the permittee believes is representative, an estimate of the size of the drainage area (in square feet) and an estimate of the runoff coefficient of the drainage area [e.g., low (under 40 percent), medium (40 to 65 percent), or high (above 65 percent)] shall be provided in the plan.

(4) When a discharger is unable to collect samples over the course of the visual examination period as a result of adverse climatic conditions, the discharger must document the reason for not performing the visual examination and retain this documentation onsite with the records of the visual examination. Adverse weather conditions that may prohibit the collection of samples include weather conditions that create dangerous conditions for personnel (such as local flooding, high winds, hurricanes, tornadoes, electrical storms, etc.) or otherwise make the collection of a sample impracticable (drought, extended frozen conditions, etc.).

When a discharger is unable to conduct visual storm water examinations at an inactive and unstaffed site, the operator of the facility may exercise a waiver of the monitoring requirement as long as the facility remains inactive and unstaffed. The facility must maintain a certification with the pollution prevention plan stating that the site is inactive and unstaffed so that performing visual examinations during a qualifying event is not feasible.